

Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: www.interpretiveservices.in.gov/programs

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| Nature Center <i>Open Daily 10am-5pm</i> | Mountain Bike Rental <i>Sun 10a-6p; Mon-Tue 12p-8p; Wed-Sat 8:30a-9p</i> |
| Pioneer Village <i>Open Daily 9am-5pm</i> | <i>Check out bikes at Camp Store \$5/hour (includes helmet)</i> |
| Virgil I. Grissom Memorial <i>Open Daily 8:30am-4pm</i> | Hayrides <i>Friday - Saturday 7pm - 8pm - 9pm</i> |
| Twin Caves Boat Tours <i>Open Weekends 9am-5pm \$3/adult, \$1/child (under 11)</i> | <i>Register at Camp Store \$3/person or \$40/wagon</i> |

Please arrive on time for scheduled programs.
Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.

Public programs are designed for individuals and families.
If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group (prices vary). (812) 849-4129

Get advance notice of special events and programs!
Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

HP-HP Healthy Parks – Healthy People
Get “INShape” with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.



LOOK FOR OUR TREE AND SHEDS
WATCH FOR THE VOR-AT-RAILS

September 1 – 30 , 2007

7th Annual Amateur Photography Contest

Entries accepted August 15 – September 3

Official entry form is **required!**

Call the Nature Center for more information (812-849-4129).


Saturday, September 1 *Archaeology Weekend*

- 11am-5pm** Visit the DHPA booth near the Weaver’s Cabin in the Pioneer Village to sign-up to help search for artifacts in the village, purchase “Archaeology Month” t-shirts, and check out artifacts already uncovered in the village during utility work several years ago. And as you roam the Pioneer Village, watch for the “**Step Back in Time**” stakes that feature photos of the village as it was in the 1800s.
- 11am-5pm** **Rediscovering Spring Mill Village** – You can assist with real archaeological research! Archaeologists from the Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) and Indiana University have begun an ongoing project to find out more about daily life in Spring Mill Village during the 1800s and the original locations of buildings and other structures. The public is invited to assist this weekend with surface artifact pick-ups, shovel probes, and other archaeological research throughout the village area. Sign-up to participate at the DHPA booth located near the Weaver’s Cabin in the Pioneer Village.


Saturday, September 1

Archaeology Weekend

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11:00am  **Search for the “Lost” Cemetery** – Hamer Cemetery isn’t the only graveyard in Spring Mill State Park. We know that a smaller cemetery, also dating to the 1800s, is located closer to the village. Several people have reported finding it but it has never been officially documented. Join us on this hike to see if we can pinpoint its location. Meet next to the Leatherworker’s Shop in the Pioneer Village (45 min).

11:30am **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

12-2pm  **Brain-tanning Demonstration** – When the pioneers and Native Americans tanned their leather, the process was a bit different than it is today... watch as real brains are used to prepare leather. Pioneer Village, Munson House Lawn.

2:00pm **Designs of Yesterday** – Glaze a clay tile with a design like that used on pottery in the 1800s. *You must be able to return on Sunday (between 3pm and 5pm) to pick up your fired tile. Cost is \$5/person; limited to 12 participants (first-come, first-serve).* Pioneer Village, Distillery (1 hr).

2-4pm **Dig It Up!** – Young children (ages 2-6) are invited to drop in and search for “artifacts” at a simulated archaeological dig site (wading pool filled with sand). Pioneer Village, Upper Residence Lawn.


2:30pm **Sawmill Demonstration** - See above description.

3-5pm **Flint-knapping Demonstration** – Watch as arrowheads and other stone tools are created from pieces of rock. Concession Stand.

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Archaeology Weekend

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4-6pm  **Looking “Under” a Cemetery** – There’s more than meets the eye at Hamer Cemetery! Did you know that there are numerous unmarked graves? Staff from the Indiana Geological Survey will demonstrate how ground-penetrating radar (GPR) can be used to find archaeological features, including unmarked gravesites. Members of the public will even have a chance to push the GPR cart themselves and search the underground. Hamer Cemetery.

8:00pm **Crafts from the Past** – Join us around the campfire to make an historic-themed craft. *Supplies may be limited (first-come, first-served).* Campground Amphitheater (next to site #108) (45 min).

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12:00pm 1880s Lime Kiln Hike – Join us on a hike to two of the best preserved lime kilns in Spring Mill State Park. You’ll learn who built them and why. Meet on the back patio of the Nature Center (45 min).



1:30pm Lend Me an Ear... - of corn! Corn was an extremely important part of pioneer existence in the 1800s. Learn why while crafting your own “ear of corn” to take home. Pioneer Village, Garden Cabin (30 min).



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3:00pm Saltpetre to Gunpowder – Saltpetre from caves was in high demand during the 1800s for use in making gunpowder. One of the caves mined for saltpetre was right here in Spring Mill – Donaldson’s Cave. On this hike back to Donaldson’s Cave, we’ll discuss the history of cave saltpetre mining in Indiana and discuss why Donaldson’s Cave was selected for mining. *Bring a flashlight!* Meet at the footbridge next to Sycamore Shelter (1 hr 15 min).



4:00pm The Liar’s Bench - Can you figure out how is telling the truth and who is spinning the tale? Find out how good your detection skills are as we play this traditional game of truth and lies. Pioneer Village, Meeting House (30 min).

6-8pm From the Archives – Watch for the roving naturalist in the campground tonight to see historical items and photos about the park and village that we’ve uncovered from our archives.



Monday, September 3

Archaeology Weekend

11:30pm Cord-Making – Using various colors, participants will make their own cord (long enough for a bracelet) and learn how it was used by the pioneers. Pioneer Village, Leatherworker’s Shop (30 min).

12:30pm Hit the Nail on the Head – Watch as the village blacksmith crafts handmade nails and screws while sharing information about the history of nail-making. Pioneer Village, Blacksmith’s Shop (30 min).



1:30pm Looking for the Lynn’s – The James Lynn family had a cottage (later owned by George Donaldson) and a carding mill near Donaldson Cave. We’ll hike to both sites and tell you more about their history. Meet at Donaldson Cave parking lot, next to the restroom (1 hr).




3:30pm Aw, Shucks! – Make your own cornhusk bracelet with the village gardener. Pioneer Village, Garden Cabin (30 min).


Tuesday, September 4 - Friday, September 7

Begin challenging your own assumptions. Your assumptions are your windows on the world. Scrub them off every once in awhile, or the light won't come in. ~Alan Alda

Saturday, September 8

10:00am  **INShape Fitness Walk** - Indiana's State Parks and Reservoirs are a great place to exercise! Join us for an easy-moderate walk (about 1 mile) around a part of Spring Mill Lake that showcases our recently-renovated Trail 1. Meet in front of Butternut Grove Shelter (1 hr). **HP-HP**

11am-4pm **Amateur Photography Contest** - Drop in to view the entries on display for our 7th Annual Spring Mill Amateur Photography Contest and vote for the "People's Choice" Award. Spring Mill Inn, Oak Room.

11am-4pm  **Digital Photo Scavenger Hunt** – Prizes for everyone who completes the scavenger hunt; special prize for the first three teams/individuals to finish! Drop by the Oak Room (same location as the photo contest) at the Spring Mill Inn to get started – you must be finished by 4pm to collect a prize!

11:30am **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).


2:30pm **Oh, the Possibilities** – Learn about the pioneer uses of a possibles bag and make your own miniature version. Pioneer Village, Leatherworker's Shop (45 min).


2:30pm **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

8:00pm **Nature "Designer" Frames** – Use natural materials to create a unique frame to showcase a favorite picture (possibly from your visit to the park this weekend?). *Supplies may be limited (first-come, first-served).* Campground Amphitheater (next to site #108) (30-45 min).

Sunday, September 9

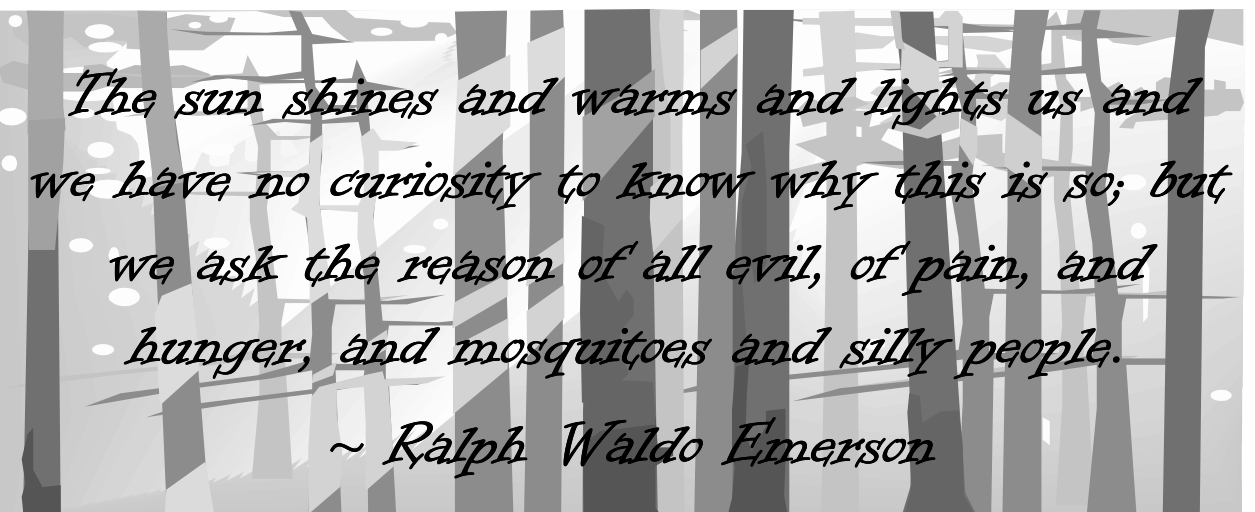
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12:00pm  **Preserved in Clay** – Capture the beauty of leaves before they begin to change color in the Fall. Choose your favorite leaf and preserve its design in clay. **Cost is \$3/person; limited to 12 people (first-come, first-served).** Pioneer Village, Distillery (30 min).


1:00pm  **Intro to Timber Frame Construction** – On this walking tour of the Pioneer Village, we'll explore the tools and architectural features of timber frame construction. Meet at the Sawmill in the Pioneer Village (30 min).

2:30pm **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).


3:30pm **Stories of an Outlaw** – Discover the connection between our Pioneer Village an 1800s outlaw by the name of Sam Bass. Pioneer Village, Weaver's Shop (30 min).



Saturday, September 15

- 11:30am Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 1:30pm Tic Tac Toe** – Learn about the history of this classic game while making your own permanent game set. Pioneer Village, Meeting House (30-45 min).
- 2:30pm Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
-  **2:30pm Braided Bookmarks** – Using the simple technique of braiding, you’ll make a bookmark out of jute (a natural fiber). Pioneer Village, Leatherworker’s Shop (30 min).
- 3:30pm Card-Braiding** - Learn how to make cording used in corset lacing or shoestrings (that can also be used today as a bracelet or bookmark). Pioneer Village, Garden Cabin (30 min).


Sunday, September 16

- 11:00am Knit It Up** – In this hands-on knitting program, you’ll learn how to make the knit and pearl stitch and discover what types of items were knitted by pioneers. Pioneer Village, Weaver’s Shop (45 min).
- 11:30am Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
-  **1:30pm From Corn to Liquor** – Whiskey was Spring Mill Village’s true “cash crop” in the 1800s. Learn about the history of the village distillery, its importance to the village’s economy, and find out how corn was turned into whiskey. Pioneer Village, Distillery (30 min).
- 2-4pm Spin, Span, Spun** – Drop by and watch as a heritage interpreter spins wool into yarn on the spinning wheel. Pioneer Village, Garden Cabin.
- 2:30pm Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

Monday, September 17 – Friday, September 21

I will love the light for it shows me the way. Yet I will endure the darkness for it shows me the stars. Oğ Mandino

Saturday, September 22

- 3:00pm Early closing** time today for the **Nature Center** and **Twin Caves Tours** so that staff can prepare for the Candlelight Tour.
-  **4-9pm Tri-Kappa Candlelight Tour of the Pioneer Village - Spring Mill Village** will come to life as Tri Kappa members, their friends and families, and the park staff open all the buildings for this annual tour in conjunction with Persimmon Festival in Mitchell, IN. Portrayals of pioneer life and music from Bluegrass to Gospel will fill the air . Tri Kappa will also host a concession area at the Carriage House, selling hotdogs, cider, caramel corn and other goodies.

Sunday, September 23

- 11:00am Crochet Workshop** – Learn how to make the single and double stitch used in crocheting. Pioneer Village, Weaver’s Shop (45 min).
- 11:30am Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 2:30pm Leather Tooling** – Participants will tool (stamp) a picture onto a piece of leather (shaped like the state of Indiana!) to make a unique key chain. Pioneer Village, Leatherworker’s Shop (1 hr).
- 2:30pm Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

Monday, September 24 – Friday, September 28

Sometimes, in a summer morning, having taken my accustomed bath, I sat in my sunny doorway from sunrise till noon, rapt in reverie. ~Henry David Thoreau

Saturday, September 29

11a-1p Glazed to Perfection – Use your creativity and decorate your choice of handmade pottery (made on the kickwheel by our village potter) with a beautiful glaze. The glazed pottery will then be fired overnight - *you must be able to pick up the finished piece between 12pm and 5pm on Sunday. Cost is \$4 to \$12 per piece (depending on the piece selected).* Pioneer Village, Distillery.

11:30am Sawmill Demonstration - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

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7-9pm Twilight Tours of Twin Caves – Follow the candles down to the boat dock and then listen to stories and legends about the caves of Spring Mill and southern Indiana during these special evening boat tours of our underground system. ***Pre-registration required by 5pm (to Twin Caves).*** Maximum of 20 people/tour. Tours run at 7pm, 7:30pm, 8pm, and 8:30pm. Cost is \$4/adult, \$2/child.



Sunday, Sunday 30

11:30am Sawmill Demonstration - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

12:30pm Stir Up the Fire – Learn about the ins and outs of making a fire poker as our blacksmith crafts one in the forge. Pioneer Village, Blacksmith’s Shop (45 min).

1:30pm  Crawdad City – Join us on a visit to “Crawdad City” and learn more about the animals who constructed a landscape of soil towers right here in the park. Meet in front of Sycamore Shelter (45 min).

2:30pm Sawmill Demonstration - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

3:00pm Leather Leaves – Carve the vein pattern into a leather leaf and then decorate it with the colors of fall. Pioneer Village, Leatherworker’s Shop (1 hr).

Mark Your Calendar... for October!

October 6-7

Autumn Harvest Days *feat. Campsite Decorating Contest*

October 13-14

Scarecrow Weekend *feat. The Haunted Village*

October 20-21

Fall Family Weekend *feat. StoneBelt Stargazers’ Fall Star Party*

October 27

Pioneer Village Living History Stroll